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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Currently Amended) A latch circuit <u>receiving an inverting input signal</u>, a non-inverting clock signal, and a common mode control signal; and <u>producing a non-inverting output signal and an inverting output signal</u>, as claimed in claim—1 comprising transistors, each transistor comprising a source, a gate and a drain, the latch <u>circuit further</u> comprising;
- [[-]] a first pair of transistors comprising a first transistor and a second transistor having their sources having its drain coupled to the non-inverting output signal and its gate coupled to the inverting output signal each other;
- [[-]] a second pair of-transistors comprising a third transistor and a fourth-transistor having its drain their sources coupled to the non-inverting output signal, its gate coupled to the non-inverting clock signal, and its source coupled to the source of the first transistoreach other;
- [[-]] a <u>third gate of the second</u> transistor <u>having its gate being</u> coupled to <u>the common mode</u> <u>control signal</u>, a gate of the third transistor and <u>further its source</u> coupled to the <u>source of the first</u> transistor; <u>control signal</u>;
- [[-]] a <u>fourth positive feedback from the non inverting output to a gate of the first transistor, having its drain coupled to the drain of the third transistor, and its gate coupled to the common mode control signal;</u>
- [[-]] a <u>fifth transistor pair of switches comprising a first switch and a second switch</u>—having <u>its</u> their respective drains and sources coupled to the <u>non-inverting output signal</u>, its gate coupled to respective drains an sources of the <u>inverting input signal</u>, first transistor and <u>its source coupled to the source of</u> the fourth transistor; respectively; and

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[[-]] a sixth transistor having its drain coupled to the non-inverting output signal, its gate of coupled to the first switch being driven by the inverting clock signal and gate of the second switch being driven by the non-inverting clock signal its source coupled to the source of the fourth transistor.

- 3. (Currently Amended) The A-latch as claimed in claim 2, wherein
- [[-]] the sources of the first transistor, and the second transistor, and the third transistor are coupled to supplied by a first current source, and
- [[-]] the sources of the <u>fourth_third_transistor</u>, and the <u>fifth_fourth_transistor</u>, and the <u>sixth_transistor</u> are <u>coupled supplied by to a second current source</u>.
- 4. (Currently Amended) <u>The A-latch circuit as claimed in claim 3</u>, wherein the first current source and the second current source provide substantially equal currents.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The A-latch circuit as claimed in claim—23, wherein the non-inverting output is drain-of the first transistor and the drain of the fourth transistor are coupled to each other and further coupled to a supply voltage via a first resistor-means.
- 6. (Currently Amended) <u>The A-latch circuit as claimed in claim 2</u>, wherein the <u>inverting output is drain of the second transistor is coupled to a drain of the third transistor, the drains being further coupled to the supply voltage via a second resistor-means.</u>
- 7. (Currently Amended) <u>The A-latch circuit as claimed in claim 26</u>, wherein the second resistor means is coupled to a reference terminal via a third current source.
- 8. (Currently Amended) <u>The A-latch circuit as claimed in any of the preceding claim 1_3</u>, wherein the first current source and the second current source comprises a series connection of a main current channel of a controlled current source and a-third resistor-means.

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- 9. (Currently Amended) <u>The A-latch circuit as claimed in claim 8, wherein the controlled sources-current source are is controlled by a voltage.</u>
- 10. (Currently Amended) A latch circuit as claimed in claim-1, adapted for differential input signals, and-comprising:
- ____a first latch portion and a_second latch portion, which are substantially identical, each latch portion comprising:
- [[-]] a differential input with an inverting input and a non-inverting input;
- [[-]] a differential output with an inverting output and a non-inverting output; and
- a control input which determines a threshold for the input signals such that when the input signal is a larger than the threshold the output latch is in a HIGH logic state and in a LOW state when the signal is smaller than the threshold, wherein
- [[-]] one of the outputs of the first latch portion being is coupled to one of the inputs of the second latch portion having opposite polarity; of the second latch portion,
- [[-]] one of the outputs of the second latch portion being is coupled to one of the inputs of the first latch portion having opposite polarity-of-the first-latch portion; and
- [[-]] a differential input signal being provided at-to the latch circuit is coupled to one of the inputs of the first latch portion and to one-of-the inputs-of the second latch portion having an opposite polarity.-of the second latch portion, respectively, and
- [[-]] each of the latch portions comprising a control input which is coupled a respective control signal, which determines a threshold for the input signal such that if the input signal is at larger than the threshold the output latch is in a HIGH logic state and in a LOW state if the signal is smaller than the threshold, respectively.
- 11. (Currently Amended) <u>The A-latch circuit as claimed in claim 10 comprising transistors</u>, each transistor comprising a source, a gate and a drain, and wherein each latch portion <u>further</u> comprises:

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- [[-]] a first pair of transistors comprising a first transistor and a second transistor having their sources its drain coupled each other, respectively to the non-inverting output of the latch portion and its gate coupled to the non-inverting input of the latch portion;
- [[-]] a second pair of transistors comprising a third having its drain coupled to the non-inverting output signal of the latch portion, its gate coupled to a non-inverting clock signal, and its source coupled to the source of the first transistor; and a fourth transistor having their sources coupled each other, respectively
- [[-]] a gate of the second third transistor being coupled to a having its gate of the third transistor respectively and further coupled to the control input and its source coupled to the source of the first transistor; a DC voltage level;
- [[-]] a <u>fourth pair of switches comprising a first-switch and a second switch, the switches including</u> transistors—having—their respective <u>its</u> drains and sources coupled to the <u>respective</u> drains an sources of the <u>third first</u> transistor and <u>its gate coupled to the control input; the fourth transistor, respectively,</u>
- [[-]] gate of the first switch being driven by a binary clock signal and gate of the second switch being driven by an inverted binary clock signal, a fifth transistor having its drain coupled to the non-inverting output of the latch portion, its gate coupled to the inverting input of the latch portion, and its source coupled to the source of the fourth transistor; and
- [[-]] <u>a sixth the two latch portions being crossed coupled such that a gate of the first transistor of a portion is having its drain coupled to the respective non-inverting output of the other portion, respectively latch portion, its gate coupled to an inverting clock signal, and its source coupled to the source of the fourth transistor.</u>
- 12. (Currently Amended) The A-latch as claimed in claimClaim 11 wherein
- [[-]] the sources of the first transistor; and the second transistor, and the third transistor are supplied by coupled to a first current source; and
- [[-]] the sources of the third-fourth transistor, the fifth transistor, and the fourth sixth transistor are coupled to supplied by a second current source.

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13. (Currently Amended) <u>The A-latch circuit as claimed in claim 12</u>, wherein the first current

source and the second current source provide substantially equal currents.

14. (Currently Amended) The A-latch circuit as claimed in claim 1011, wherein each latch

portion further comprises a the drain of the first resistor coupling the inverting output transistor

and the drain of the latch portion fourth transistor are coupled to each other respectively and

further coupled to a supply voltage via a first resistor means.

15. (Currently Amended) The A-latch circuit as claimed in claim 1014, wherein each latch

portion further comprises the drain of the a second resistor coupling the non inverting output

transistor is coupled to a drain of the third transistor, respectively the drains being further

coupled latch portion to the supply voltage via a second resistor means.

16. (Currently Amended) The A-latch circuit as claimed in claim 1012, wherein the first

current source (10)-and the second current source comprises—a series connection of a main

current channel of a controlled current source and a third-resistor means.

17. (Currently Amended) The A-latch circuit as claimed in claim 16, wherein the controlled

current sources are is controlled by a voltage.

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